

water development for fiscal year 1999, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All points of order are reserved on the bill.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CHICAGO BULLS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate some of the most outstanding citizens of my congressional district, namely, the Chicago Bulls basketball team.

I have the good fortune of representing the champions not only of the 7th Congressional District, but indeed the champions of the world. The world has never seen the magnificence of an athletic dynasty such as that displayed and put together by Jerry Reinsdorf, which is now the Chicago Bulls' 6th championship, a performance that has revitalized interest in basketball.

As a matter of fact, with due respect to all other sports, baseball, soccer, football, right now the United States of America is basketball country as a result of the Bulls' accomplishment and achievement.

But more than that, not only are they superstars on the basketball court, but they are also superstars in the community. The franchise has caused revitalization of an area of the City of Chicago. The James Jordan Boys' Club provides opportunity for young people to come and grow and develop, play and be nurtured.

Just recently, high school students from throughout my Congressional District had an opportunity to participate in our art competition at the United Center, where they could display their art and at the same time walk the same ground that Scottie Pippen, Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman, Phil Jackson, all of the Bulls players, Randy Brown, a young fellow who was taught by my wife. When we watch him on television, we know that her teaching skills were vindicated.

So I commend and congratulate all of the Bulls for providing the United States of America and all of the world with a year never to be forgotten and always to be remembered.

And at the same time, Mr. Speaker, in the same community, in the same neighborhood, there is another superstar in town for the Jefferson awards, Major Adams, who, along with other Americans throughout the country, are being cited for their outstanding community services.

Major Adams has no peer when it comes to volunteerism. For the last 50 years he has been an active volunteer on the near West Side of Chicago, organizing the Henry Horner Boys Club, the

Henry Horner Drum and Bugle Corps, the Mile Square Federation.

Now 76 years old, Mr. Adams is just as involved today as he was 25, 30 years ago. And so, on one hand, while we have the Bulls, a superstar team, on the other hand we have Major Adams, a superstar individual, humanitarian, who has brought countless years of joy and development into the hearts of thousands of young people and their family.

We commend and salute him.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. SOLOMON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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#### TRIBUTE TO CORRESPONDENT ALAN EMORY ON HIS RETIREMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to add my praise to the lifetime's work of correspondent Alan Emory, whose life and service was addressed so eloquently by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH). Mr. Emory is a reporter of humor, intelligence, talent, and, perhaps most important, longevity, 50 years of service.

While Alan is no doubt most thankful for the last of those qualities, I want to say the others have been invaluable to both readers and those of us who are written about in upstate New York.

It is often said that we in public life are adversaries of the Fourth Estate, that there must be a war footing of sorts between our two worlds, that there must be a sort of tension in order to bring about good performance all the way around. If that is true, Mr. Speaker, the best way to describe Alan's mission is a notable adversary, a friendly foe.

He has done justice to our institution in his reportage, mostly for the *Watertown Times* of New York. He has served readers, as I have mentioned, who depend on accuracy and insight of reliable news people. He has been a faithful advocate for his region, and his perspective will be missed by many of us.

I would like to thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) for this opportunity and wish Alan Emory all the best in his retirement.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSTON PROJECT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a great cele-

bration and a tribute as well. This week in Houston, Texas, under the leadership of former President Jimmy Carter, 6,000 volunteers from around the Nation are participating in the 1998 Carter Work Project of the Habitat for Humanity resulting in 100 homes being built for the needy citizens of our community.

President Carter, before the building began, said, "We are destined in Houston to see a miracle, one that we will never forget." I can assure my colleagues that he is now and will be when we conclude 100 percent correct.

I was delighted to be able to join the 6,000 volunteers at the George Brown Convention Center on Sunday in the 18th Congressional District where we were able to celebrate their visit, volunteers from Arizona, Indiana, California, Pennsylvania and so many other places around this Nation.

It was particularly a special time, because as many of my colleagues know, we have had some troubling times in Texas. Yes, we have had the tragedy that occurred in Jasper, Texas. I am so very pleased that that healing has begun. But yet the day after funeralizing Mr. Byrd and paying tribute to his life and to that of those who wanted to make sure that we live in harmony together, 6,000 Americans of all different colors and creeds and religions joined together to come and build a house. Their challenge was to build a house for the comfort and unity of a family and to bring a community together. I was delighted to join them on Sunday not only to celebrate but to uplift. For these 6,000 souls are like the Good Samaritan. They are not too busy to stop by the wayside and help someone.

The story of the Good Samaritan was that every single person that passed this battered and bruised person had something else to do, had somewhere else to go. But yet the Good Samaritan took his time and stopped. These 6,000 souls are like the Good Samaritan.

In Houston alone, with some 1.7 million residents, we have over 150,000 who are marginally homeless every night. We need housing. I was very gratified with volunteers who will come from my office throughout the week to have been able to join the volunteers yesterday on the first day and to work alongside of them in the sweltering heat, some 98 degrees, but none of us really felt it, for the joy of doing something for someone else.

We worked alongside the Gibson family, not unlike many families, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson with two children and one on the way. For the past few years they have lived in a small apartment in a dilapidated building, the whole while looking for ways that they could better their living situation. Like many families, they searched for options that would help them make a way and to also take their hard-earned money and to invest in something other than a landlord, paying rent. They wanted to own their own piece of the pie, if you